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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Appeal Brief Filed on 3 June 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4,6,8,9,11,13 and 14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Donald Boys on July 27, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended as shown in attached sheets (5 pages).
- Claims 2, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 15 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the following:

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(a) a first and a second scheduler managing all events for processing by the processor resource;

(b) a first and a second ready list dedicated respectively to the first and second scheduler; and

(c) pipelines dedicated to VPRNs communicate with the first scheduler and ready list, pipelines dedicated to BGP peers that are not VPRNs communicate with the second scheduler and ready list, and wherein events received for processing are posted in their dedicated event pipelines according to the source of the events, as specified in claims 1, 6 and 11.

The closest prior art, Alfieri et al., (“Alfieri” US Patent 7,039,720) in view of Vaitzblit et al. (“Vaitzblit” US Patent 5,528,213), teaches

(a) a scheduler for scheduling all (three classes) of schedulable tasks;

(b) a block of schedule flags for all schedulable tasks to insert the flags to schedule tasks; and

(c) the single scheduler is based on “a combination of weighted round-robin and rate monotonic scheduling algorithms” as opposed to “the associated scheduler repetitively scans the ready list sequentially” as disclosed by the present application.

Therefore, Alfieri or Vaitzblit, either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

Claims 3-4, 8-9 and 13-14 depend from independent claims 1, 6, and 11, respectively. These claims include the limitations to the allowable claims 1, 6 and 11, and, therefore, are allowable for the same reasons as stated in the above paragraphs of this office action.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US Patent No. 6,625,750 to Duso et al. disclose "Hardware And Software Failover Services For A File Server"
- US Patent No. 7,242,665 to Langille et al. disclose "Network Device Virtual Interface"
- US Patent Application Pub. No. 2005/0138622 A1 by McAlpine et al. disclose "Apparatus And Method For Parallel Processing Of Network Data On A Single Processing Thread"

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Albert T. Chou whose telephone number is 571-272-6045. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham, can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Albert T Chou/

Examiner, Art Unit 2416

July 28, 2009

ATTACHMENT

1. (Currently amended) An edge router operating Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) in a packet network comprising:

a processor resource for processing events;

~~at least one~~ a first and a second scheduler managing ~~all~~ events for processing by the processor resource;

~~at least one~~ a first and a second ready list dedicated respectively to the first and second scheduler; and

individual event pipelines dedicated to individual ones of BGP peers;

wherein individual ones of the BGP peers are virtual private routed networks (VPRNs), pipelines dedicated to VPRNs communicate with the first scheduler and ready list, pipelines dedicated to BGP peers that are not VPRNs communicate with the second scheduler and ready list, and wherein events received for processing are posted in their ~~associated~~ dedicated event pipelines according to the source of the events, pipelines having events to be processed insert a flag in the associated ready list, and the associated scheduler repetitively scans the ready list sequentially, and releases events to the processor resource with preset limitation per pipeline.

2. (Cancelled) ~~The edge router of claim 1 wherein individual ones of the BGP peers are virtual private routed networks (VPRNs) away from the packet network.~~

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3. (Original) The edge router of claim 1 wherein the preset limitation is a time limitation.

4. (Original) The edge router of claim 1 wherein the preset limitation is a buffer limitation.

5. (Cancelled) ~~The edge router of claim 2 comprising a first and a second scheduler, a first and a second ready list, and pipelines dedicated to events associated with both VPRNs and core BGP peers in the service provider network, wherein the pipelines associated with VPRNs communicate with the first scheduler and the first ready list, and the pipelines associated with the core BGP peers communicate with the second scheduler and the second ready list.~~

6. (Currently amended) A method for processing events in Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peering in an edge router in a packet network, wherein individual ones of the BGP peers are Virtual Private Routed Networks (VPRNs) comprising acts of:

(a) placing received events associated with BGP peers in dedicated pipelines according to the BGP source;

(b) flagging a first ready list by individual pipelines associated with VPRNs having events ready to be processed; and

(c) flagging a second ready list by individual pipelines associated with BGP peers that are not VPRNs having events ready to be processed; and

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[[(c)] (d) scanning the first and the second ready list sequentially and repeatedly by a first scheduler dedicated to the first ready list, and a second scheduler dedicated to the second ready list, the ~~scheduler~~ schedulers sending events for each pipeline to be processed to a processing resource according to a preset limitation per pipeline.

7. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 6 wherein individual ones of the BGP peers are virtual private routed networks (VPRNs) away from the packet network.~~

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein in act [[(c)] (d) the preset limitation is a time limitation.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein in act [[(c)] (d) the preset limitation is a buffer limitation.

10. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 7 comprising a first and a second scheduler, a first and a second ready list, and pipelines dedicated to events associated with both VPRNs and core BGP peers in the service provider network, wherein the pipelines associated with VPRNs communicate with the first scheduler and the first ready list, and the pipelines associated with the core BGP peers communicate with the second scheduler and the second ready list.~~

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11. (Previously presented) A machine-readable medium having stored there on a set of instructions that cause a machine to perform a method for processing events in Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) peering in an edge router in a packet network, including:

(a) placing received events associated with BGP peers in dedicated pipelines according to the BGP source;

(b) flagging a first ready list by individual pipelines associated with VPRNs having events ready to be processed; ~~and~~

(c) flagging a second ready list by individual pipelines associated with BGP peers that are not VPRNs having events ready to be processed; and

[[(c)]] (d) scanning the first and the second ready list sequentially and repeatedly by a first scheduler dedicated to the first ready list, and a second scheduler dedicated to the second ready list, the scheduler schedulers sending events for each pipeline to be processed to a processing resource according to a preset limitation per pipeline.

12. (Cancelled) ~~The medium of claim 11 wherein, in the method, individual ones of the BGP peers are virtual private routed networks (VPRNs) away from the packet network.~~

13. (Currently amended) The medium of claim 11 wherein in act [[(c)]] (d) the preset limitation is a time limitation.

14. (Currently amended) The medium of claim 11 wherein in act [[(c)]] (d) the preset limitation is a buffer limitation.

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15. (Cancelled) ~~The medium of claim 12 wherein the method comprises a first and a second scheduler, a first and a second ready list, and pipelines dedicated to events associated with both VPRNs and core BGP peers in the service provider network, wherein the pipelines associated with VPRNs communicate with the first scheduler and the first ready list, and the pipelines associated with the core BGP peers communicate with the second scheduler and the second ready list.~~